Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 09 Feb 2022 until 23:59 on Thursday 10 Feb 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 09 Feb 2022 at 03:01 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for wintry showers Wednesday and Thursday, also for becoming more settled Friday. Lowering for the timing and detail of the return to milder unsettled weather into the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 09 Feb 2022: Windy, very cold with blustery snow showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 09 Feb 2022

Blizzards High Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Medium Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%

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Weather: Snow showers these more frequent and heavier than Tuesday, always more focused across western peaks such as Torridon, where there will be a risk of hail and thunder. Mainly rain or sleet on exposed western coasts at low levels.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% - occasional clearances but not lasting long

Low cloud and visibility: Occasionally good or very good becoming quickly poor or very poor in showers, and in cloud which will lower 450m at times in the heavier showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	51/59 W	46/54 W	44/55 W	38/48 W	38/48 W	39/50 SW	42/54 SW
900	47/56 W	42/50 W	41/51 W	35/44 W	36/46 W	36/47 SW	40/51 SW
600	33/41 W	28/36 W	29/39 W	25/34 SW	26/36 W	26/37 SW	29/40 SW
300	7/40 W	5/35 W	9/39 W	6/32 W	8/36 W	7/35 SW	8/38 SW
Glen	19/36 W	15/30 W	19/36 W	17/31 W	19/35 W	17/34 SW	16/33 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-6/-19	-6/-17	-5/-16	-6/-16	-5/-16	-6/-16	-5/-16
900	-5/-17	-5/-16	-4/-15	-5/-15	-4/-14	-5/-15	-4/-14
600	-3/-12	-2/-11	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-10	-3/-11	-2/-10
300	-0/-4	0/-3	1/-3	0/-2	-1/-5	-0/-4	0/-4
Glen	2/-4	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2	2/-4	2/-3	3/-2
Freezing Level*	100m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Difficult to hazardous conditions with severe wind chill and buffeting winds at height, bringing temporary blizzard conditions.

Forecast for Thursday 10 Feb 2022
Weather: Wintry showers, turning to rain below 400m for a time during the morning, frequent at first, particularly in the west and north. Outbreaks tending to ease from mid-day.

Maximum wind: West to northwest 35-40mph with gusts reaching 55mph across most exposed ridges and summits, easing a little from late morning.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: For any given time 75% becoming 90% later, but virtually nil for extended periods due to the showery nature of the airstream.

Low cloud and visibility: Good or very good becoming poor or very poor in showers, only a few meters in hill fog which sporadically lowers 300m as showers push through.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius increasing plus 6 Celsius for a time mid-day
At 800m: Minus 5-6 Celsius increasing minus 3 or 4 for a time during the morning
Freezing level: 200-300m lifting 500m for a time during the morning

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